LIBRARY OF PRINCETON
JUL 26 1935
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BX 8957 .N4 A3
Presbyterian Church in the
U.S.A. Synod of New Jersey.
Minutes of the ... annual
session of the Synod of New

Copy 1

M I N U T E S

of the

S Y N O D O F N E W J E R S E Y

for the year ending

October, 1854.

M I N U T E S

of the

ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY

for the year 1854

- - - - - -

Paterson, New Jersey October 17,1854

The Synod of New Jersey met according to adjournment at 3 o'clock p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson and was opened with a Sermon from 2 Peter 3:17 by the Rev. Robt. Davidson, D.D., the Moderator.

After public worship the Synod was constituted with prayer.

Present

From the Presbytery of Elizabethtown

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Bond		
Mr. Blauvelt		Plainfield
Mr. Dilliway	Benj. Dunham	Lamington
Mr. Cory	John Wynans	1st Elizabethtown
Mr. English	Sam E. Woodbridge	Perth Amboy
Mr. Sheddan	Wm. Annin	Liberty Corner
Mr. Reinhardt	Chas. C. Lathrop	1st Rahway
Mr. Petrie	Jacob Collyer	Baskingridge
Mr. Edgen		Elizabeth Port
Mr. Huntting	Elias Brown	Pluckamin
Mr. Finley	Eph. Clark	Westfield
Mr. Milne		New Vernon
Mr. Martyn		German Ch. Rahway
	Wm. H. Brown	1st Woodbridge

Presbytery of Passaic

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Magie		2nd Elizabethtown
Mr. Rosenthal		Chester
Mr. Chester		German Ch. Paterson
Mr. Ogden	David C. Bower	Chatham Village

Presbytery of Passaic (cont)

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Harris	Wm. B. Guild	3rd Ch. Newark
Mr. Borsworth		2nd Morristown
Mr. Edwards	Elias Crane	Connecticut Farms
Mr. Street		1st Morristown
Mr. Benton	David Turnet	1st Paterson
Mr. Townley		Mt. Freedom
Mr. Hornblower		Flanders
Mr. Husted		Lyons Farms

Presbytery of New Brunswick

Ministers	Elders	Churches
	Abner Scudder	Ewing
Mr. Eli F. Cooley		1st Cranbury
Mr. R.K. Rodgers		Boundbrook
Dr. Hodge	Henry Vandyke	Kingston
Dr. Nassau	Saml. Baker	1st New Brunswick
Dr. Watson		2nd Cranbury
Mr. Davison		Freehold
Mr. Blythe		Pennington
Mr. L.H. Vandoren		Dutch Neck
Mr. Macdonald		Nottingham
Mr. Hugh Hammil		1st Trenton
Dr. Hope		Millstone
Mr. Hale	Wm. L. Terhune	Middletown Pt.
Mr. J.M. Rogers		2nd Trenton
Mr. White	Amos Richardson	Village Ch. Freehold
Mr. S.D. Alexander		2nd Princeton
Mr. Cosman	L. R. Phillips	Lawrence
Mr. Davis	Elias J. Thompson	2nd New Brunswick
Mr. Kirkpatrick		Titusville
Mr. A.N. Foote		Squan Village
Mr. C.F. Morrel		3rd Trenton
Mr. Morse Rowell	Wm. Torrey	Manchester
	Isaac Baker	1st Princeton

Presbytery of Newton

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Hand		Newton
Dr. Wilson	Peter Winter	Harmony
Mr. Tully		Middle Smithfield
Mr. Col. McNair		Stroudsburgh
Mr. McGee	John A. Groveling	Greenwich
Mr. Bush		Musconetong Valley
Mr. Wood		Hackettstown
Mr. Reeves		Stillwater
Mr. John A. Reiley	Morris Rosenbury	Lower Mt. Bethel

Presbytery of Newton (cont)

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Van Artsdalen		Upper Mt. Bethel
	Geo. Creveling	Mansfield
	James Hiles	Oxford
	Henry Freeman	Blairstown
	Daniel Hulshizer	Stewartsville
	Phineas B. Kennedy	Belvidere

Presbytery of Raritan

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Dr. Kirkpatrick	Caleb F. Fisher	Amwell United 1st.
Mr. Porter	Israel Wilson	Amwell 2nd
Mr. Osmund	Wm. Wilson	Lambertville
Mr. Spayd		Rosemont
	Henry Lott	Kingwood
	Wm. R. Beans	Solebury

Presbytery of Susquehanna

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Jones		Crawfordsville
Mr. Cook		
Mr. Doolittle		Rush

Presbytery of Luzerne

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. R. Webster		Mauch Chunk
Mr. Parke		Wyoming
Mr. Glen		Summit Hill

Presbytery of West Jersey

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Janvier		
Dr. Kollock	Richard Burt	Pittsgrove
Mr. Graham		Greenwich
Mr. Ewing		Cold Spring
Mr. Ford	Isaac Lanning	1st Bridgeton
Mr. Brown		Blackwoodtown
Mr. Annan		Salem
Mr. Baker		May's Landing
	Saml. L. Fithian	2nd Bridgeton
	Benj. Harding	Fislerville

Presbytery of Burlington

Ministers	Elders	Churches
Mr. Henry Perkins	Cornelius Vanderbeek	Allentown
Dr. Van Renssalaer		Bordentown
Mr. R.B. Westbrook	Aaron Hutchings	Burlington

The roll having been called, the Rev. Lewis Bond was chosen Moderator and the Rev. Messrs. Rodgers and Hale were chosen Clerks.

Synod adjourned to hour of evening service. Concluded with prayer.

The hour of public service having arrived the Synod met when the Rev. Dr. Hope preached the Sermon on Foreign Missions from Acts 17:23, when Rev. Dr. O. L. Kirtland, Blauvelt from Presbytery of Passaic, Rev. Byron Barret, Rev. J. Edward Miller, Rev. Julius Foster from Presbytery of Susquehanna, Rev. Messrs. John Johnston and Osmond from Presbytery of Luzerne, Rev. Dr. Williamson, from West Jersey appeared and took their seats in Synod.

Hours, etc. 9 o'clock a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m. to _____

Rev. B.M. Smith, D.D. of the Synod of Virginia invited, etc., and that it be the order of the day for tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to hear Dr. Smith on behalf of the Board of Publication.

Synod then adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday Morning 9 O'clock

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before together with Rev. Saml. A. Hamill, Dr. Maclean, Presbytery of New Brunswick, Rev. Dr. Snyder, Presbytery of West Jersey appeared in Synod and assigned satisfactory reasons for late attendance.

The Minutes of the last session of Synod were read.

The Minutes of the last stated meeting of Synod were read when the members now present who were then absent from that meeting assigned satisfactory reasons for such absence.

The following committees were appointed. (No. 1 - on file).

Rev. R. Happenset and Rev. Wm. Chester, D.D. of the Synod of Philadelphia were invited to sit as correspondents.

The committee appointed to draft a narrative of the State of Religion, etc., reported. Report was amended and adopted and ordered to be read this evening, etc.

Rev. John L. Janeway of the Presbytery of Raritan and Wm. F. Emery of church of Flemington of the same Presbytery appeared and gave satisfactory reasons for tardiness.

The committee of Bills and overtures had leave to withdraw with the view of attending to any business which might come before them.

Synod then listened to a statement made by the Rev. B. M. Smith, D.D., Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, with reference to the claims and purposes of said Board.

Also Rev. Mr. Happenset in behalf of the Board of Missions (Domestic) was heard.

Also Rev. Dr. Chester in behalf of the Board of Education.

The following persons were appointed a committee to bring in a Minute expressive of the views of Synod touching the Boards of our church, viz., Dr. Murray, Maclean and Van Rensselaer.

Committee on devotional exercises reported, etc. No. 2 on file.

Rev. John C. Rankin of Presbytery of Elizabethtown appeared in Synod, Rev. Mr. Mott of Presbytery of Elizabethtown, Rev. Thaniel B. Condict of Newton Presbytery, Eph. Marsh, Hackettstown, Mr. Matthias Osborn, Elder from New Providence, Elizabethtown Presbytery and Rev. J. L. Duffield of New Brunswick Presbytery appeared, etc.

The Synod took up the unfinished business laid over from pages 523 and 520.

Committee on division of Synod reported, which brought up unfinished business on division (Minute 520). Whole business was laid on the table.

Rev. John F. Baker of Luzerne appeared, etc.

J. H. Sutphin from church of Freehold, Presbytery of New Brunswick, etc., Rev. H. P. Plogett of Synod of Georgie and Rev. Peter S. Talmage of the Particular Synod of New York Reformed Dutch Church were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Resolved, that the next stated meeting of Synod be held at Newton on the 3rd Tuesday of October 1855 at 3 o'clock p.m.

Rev. Dr. Barret, Dr. B. N. Wilson and Mr. Marsh were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Religious Exercises of the next meeting of Synod.

Statistical reports were read.

Committee on Treasurer's report, reported, etc.

Committee on assessment of Presbyteries reported, report was accepted and adopted (on file).

Committee to appoint preacher for next year, reported that Dr. James W. Macdonald be principal and Rev. J. C. Rankin, Alternate.

New Brunswick Presbytery's book approved.

Synod then adjourned to meet at one half past 2 p.m. Concluded with prayer.

Wednesday ½ past 2 p.m.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer- present as before.

Raritan book approved.

Rev. Dr. Robt. G. Vermilye of Synod of Albany invited to sit as correspondent.

Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave to Rev. Messrs. Townley, Martin, Street, White, Westbrook, Cooley and John Johnson; also to Wm. H. Brown and Abner Scudder, Elders.

Committee on the Sabbath reported in part and the committee was continued.

The Stated Clerk of the Passaic Presbytery reported that the Rev. E.R.C. had yesterday been received from the Reformed Dutch Church of New Brunswick and that he was now present, etc.

Joseph G. Brearley, Elder from Trenton 3rd church appeared, etc., also Rev. George Sheldon, Presbytery of Elizabethtown.

Dr. Magie, Chairman of the committee on Education, read a report which was accepted.

Rev. James S. Furman and Rev. W. M. Hunison of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New Jersey being present were invited, etc.

Whole subject of the report of the committee on Education was laid on the table.

Committee on Standing Rules reported, report was accepted and committee continued.

Passaic book, Luzerne and Elizabethtown book.

Stated Clerk was ordered to forward the Statistical Report to the next General Assembly.

Committee on Bills and overtures reported overture No. 1, adopted (see file). Overture No. 2 adopted (see file).

Committee on Burlington book discharged.

Synod adjourned to the hour of public worship.

Synod convened and attended to Synodical Prayer Meeting agreeably to report of committee, etc.

Dr. Hodge's resolutions on Foreign Missions publish this (see file).

Janitor's bill $5.88 ordered to be paid. Stationery $1.05, etc.

Books of Newton, Susquehanna and West Jersey approved.

Order to send temperance resolutions to New York Observed, etc. (see file).

Dr. Murray's report on the Boards of the church adopted (see file).

Resolutions of thanks to Trustees of Paterson Church and to citizens of Paterson and vicinity- adopted.

The calling of the roll was dispersed with.

Overture No. 1 reconsidered and laid on the table.

Adjourned. Singing, prayer and benediction.

A P P E N D I X

1. RESOLUTIONS AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS.
2. NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.
3. PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICAL REPORTS.

1854

No. 1 The committee of Bills and Overtures reported Overture No. 1. viz; "Ought a higher judicatory to approve such portions of the records of a next lower judicatory as have not passed the final reading and if necessary "correction" at the opening of a stated meeting subsequent to that in which the things recommended were transacted."

The committee recommend the following answer,

That no inferior judicatory should present their minutes to a higher, until they have passed the review and final reading of their own body.

The report was adopted.

The committee of Bills and Overtures recommend to adoption of the following resolutions.

1. Resolved. That the Synod retain unabated confidence and interest in the cause of African Colonization as a conducted by the American Colonization Society, and its auxiliary societies, and rejoice in its past success, and future promise of spreading the principles of Christianity, civilezation and good government amongst the Pagan nations of Africa and in amiliorating the condition of our own colored population, and renew our recommendation to the various churches under our care to take up collections in aid of its funds on the Sabbath immediately before or after the 4th of July, or at such other times as may be expedient.

2. Resolved. That we cordially recommend our brother, the Rev. H. M. Blodgett, agent of the New York, Colonization Society to the confidence of our churches in the prosecution of his agency.

No. 2. Whereas, the Providence of God is in almost every part of the world opening new and important fields of missionary labor.

And, Whereas the resources of our Board of Foreign Missions are far from being commensurate to the demand made upon them.

And, whereas the Board, relying upon the spontaneous efforts of the ministers, elders and members of our churches, have no agent engaged in the collection of funds.

Therefore, Resolved. That it is specially incumbent on the Presbyteries under our care, to bring the demands of the cause of Missions before the churches, and for this purpose, it is earnestly recommended to the Several Presbyteries to appoint one of their members to attend the accomplishment of this object.

No. 3. The committee appointed to bring in a minute expressive of the views of the Synod with reference to the Boards of Domestic Missions, Education and Publication, made the following report, which was adopted.

The Synod, whilst it rejoices to hear of the increasing prosperity and enlarged operations of the Boards of Domestic Missions, Education and Publication, would renew their oft repeated recommendations of these Boards to the more efficient support of all the Presbyteries and churches under its care.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION
1854

In presenting to the churches under their care their annual report of the State of religion within their bounds, the Synod of New Jersey see special cause for gratitude to God for His manifold and unmerited mercies--humiliation for abounding sins- and renewed and more vigorous exertions in the work to which we are called as the Servants of Christ. From the reports of Presbyteries which have been received, we are happy to learn that our churches are walking in the faith and order of the gospel and maintaining the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. Our ministry continue to entertain a proper sense of their individual responsibility to feed the flock of Christ with appropriate and nourishing food. If there be less flashy and evanescent excitement, there is more laborious and solid instruction. Truth in its grand and distinguishing characteristics is more commonly relied on, not only as the appropriate element of the believer, but as the instrumentality of assault on the obdurate sinner. And the conviction has become more prevalent that all effectual work in the salvation of men is done by the omnipotent spirit through the truth and a corresponding distrust of the ingenious devices of men, which only produce impressions on the animal nature as unsubstantial as they are evanescent. This encouraging symptom is manifested by an attendance upon, and an attention to the preached word on the part of our congregations which are cheering to the ministry of reconciliation.

Taking the reports which have been received throughout it gives us pleasure to state, that the ordinary scriptural efforts to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom--if not attended with signal displays of Divine power, have nevertheless been accompanied with encouraging success. The cause of temperance in the bounds of most of the Presbyteries is represented as maintaining its ground. Meetings for social prayer are

numerous and in most instances well attended. The monthly concert is generally observed. Pastoral visitation, Catechetical instruction, Bible classes and Sabbath Schools receive the attention of our ministers and churches, and are the channels of invaluable blessings to our youth. Parochial Schools and Academies wherever organized within our bounds are represented as in a flourishing condition. And our people are growing in zeal for the doctrines of grace and the order of the gospel. In some of the Presbyteries too, a laudable zeal is exhibited on the subject of church extension--much has been accomplished in the organization of new churches--erection of houses of worship, and supplying destitute places with the preaching of the word.

Nor have the special outpourings of the spirit of God been entirely withheld from us. A few churches within the bounds of two or three of our Presbyteries have received during the past year tokens of God's goodness in the revival of his work amongst them. The 1st church of Woodbridge in the Presbytery of Elizabethtown-the church of Bound Brook in the Presbytery of New Brunswick--the 1st and 2nd churches of Bridgeton--the church of Cold Spring, and the church at Cape Island in the Presbytery of West Jersey-the church of German Valley in the Presbytery of Newton, and the 2nd church of Amwell--the United 1st church of Amwell and the church of Lambertville in the Presbytery of Raritan have been favored with delightful visitations of Divine grace which have resulted in enlarged additions to these respective churches of such as gave evidence of hopeful conversion.

It is with pleasure that the Synod would advert to the fact that there is an increasing disposition on the part of our ministry and churches to give prominence to the practice of instructing the youth of the church in that admirable formula of doctrine and duty contained in the larger and shorter catechisms of the Westminster Assembly. This department of instruction the Synod would earnestly recommend to the attention of all their churches, as happily adapted to fortify the minds of our youth against the seductive speculations of error.

The different Boards of the church continue to enjoy the confidence and support of our people. Although the contributions raised during the year in aid of the Boards were creditable, still as the Synod fully believe, they bear no adequate proportion to the resources and responsebilities of the churches. The success and augmented usefulness of our Boards, under God, depend upon the prayers and liberality of the people of God. If properly sustained, they cannot fail of becoming the honored instruments of uniting purifying and extending the church of God in the world.

The Theological Seminary at Princeton now under a full corps of able Professors is represented as in an healthful and prosperous condition. The number of students is increasing--the duties of personal religion are duly attended to, and a considerable number are contemplating the missionary work.

The College of New Jersey is in a highly flourishing state. Evangelical religion holds a prominent place in the instructions of the institution. Meetings for prayer are frequent and remarkably well attended--about sixty of the students are professors of religion, many of whom it is hoped will devote themselves to the work of the Gospel ministry.

It is with sincere gratitude to God that Synod would state, that during the past year, a law has been enacted by the legislature of New Jersey suspending all travelling on the Sabbath day on the railroads and canals passing through the state. The effect of this enactment has been most salutary with the exception of the evening mail lines, none of the trains run on the Sabbath, and the locks on the canals are closed. By this wise regulation those employed on these thoroughfares have the opportunity of enjoying the blessed privileges of the Christian Sabbath, and the neighbourhoods and families in the immediate vicinity of these public improvements are unmolested by the commotion and noise which formerly attracted the attention and wounded the hearts of God's people. Missionary is

now successfully employed along the line of the canal (the Delaware and Raritan,) who every Sabbath day labors diligently in the distribution of Bibles and religious books, and in giving instruction to the boatmen and youth employed on the canal and we fondly hope that with the blessings of God, much good will thus be accomplished among a class of persons hitherto neglected.

On the general subject of the desecration of the Sabbath however, the Synod has much to deplore. There are multitudes among us with whom the Sabbath has little or none of that sacredness with which it was invested by the creator of the world, and which has made it a day of such value and blessing to those who would be holy in heart and life and whose delight is in communion with God and meditation upon his word and in acts of public and private worship. They shut their eyes upon its design--neglect or abuse its priveleges and consume its hours in secular employment in frivolous amusement, in enervating indulgences or in forbidden pleasures; thus strengthening the appetites confirming the habits and cherishing the dispositions which its exercises and divinely appointed to eradicate and destroy. Under the full belief that the Sabbath is alike the wall of the church's defence and the bulwark of the liberties of our country, the Synod would urge upon the churches the great importance of a prayerful attention to this subject. Let the people of God look with deep interest upon the observance of the fourth commandment--let them by their precept and more especially by their example promote the sanctity, and use all scriptural means to guard against the desecration of the Lord's day, and much will be done to induce those around them to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

There is a peculiarity common to all the reports of our Presbyteries which calls us to mourning and humiliation--to lamentation and prayer. It is the general absence of the spirit of God in His reviving influences from almost all our churches. With the exception of the church already named, the spiritual condition of our zion during the year as represented in the Presbyterial reports, is lamentably low. There has been a marked and mournful absence of the

special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, the result of which is manifested in a wide spread apathy. This is the feature impressed upon the reports from the different Presbyteries composing this Synod. We would hold this mournful fact up before the view of our churches. The coldness and supineness under which the churches languish are attributable to no cause so legitimately as to their guilt. The reviving influences of the spirit are withheld, because these are wanting on the part of the churches, that faith and prayerfulness to which God has pledged his presence and agency--that faith and prayerfulness are wanting; because the evidence of the divine willingness to bestow the spirit is not rightly apprehended and believed and Christians hearts are not so affected with the miserable condition of perishing sinners and the languishing interests of zion, as to draw forth that fervent effectual prayer, which enters into the ears of the Lord of Sabbath. "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh," is the promise of a covenant keeping God--and it is a promise peculiar to the gospel church. It is the property of the whole church, and no reason can be assigned by an particular church, why it is not fulfilled among them, but that by their unbelief, unfaithfulness and want of spiritual, prayerful and persevering exertions they do grieve the Holy Spirit of God. We need to be revived as ministers and people--we need the outpouring of the spirit in all our borders--our ministers need it--our ruling elders need it--our people need it that the work of God may be advanced, his glory manifested, and his kingdom established in this gently world. While we would not despise the day of small things, and while we feel thankful that mercy drops have fallen on some portions of the field we cultivate, we feel sensible that in ourselves is to be found the reason why the cloud has not overshadowed the entire territory of our zion and made us glad in all our borders with the showers of sovereign grace. Synod would call the attention of the churches to this mournful fact that they need and must

have seasons of scriptural revivals in their midst--we would urge it upon them as a special motive to increased prayer and effort that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. In this day of more than usual conflict of thought and feeling throughout society, the hope of the church is in the abiding presence of the spirit of God. Let professing Christians live and act under the influence of the truth that they are the workmanship of God, created anew in Christ Jesus unto good works, and a change for the better will take place which will cause joy on earth and in heaven, all the principles of their renovated nature lead to and demand action--and the voice of the most high peremptorily requires every one that names the name of Jesus to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, to put on the whole armor of God, that they may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Finally, Synod are called to mourn the removal from the church below of several beloved fathers and brethren since our last meeting. The Rev. Samuel Matthews of the Presbytery of Elizabethtown--the Rev. Messrs. David Comfort and Jared D. Tyler of the Presbytery of New Brunswick--the Rev. Joseph S. Shafer D. D. and the Rev. Jehiel Talmage of the Presbytery of Newton and the Rev. John Rhodes of the Presbytery of Susquehanna have rested from their labors and we confidently hope have entered into the joys of their Lord. To who survive are admonished to work while it is called to day, for the night cometh in which no man can work. Be ye therefore ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the son of man cometh.

PRESBYTERIAL
STATISTICAL REPORTS
1854

1. The Presbytery of Elizabethtown report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 19 Ministers, and have under their care 17 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 7 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 29th of October 1853, they dismissed the Rev. James M. Hunting to join the Presbytery of New York--that on the 21st of December they dismissed the Rev. Oscar Harris to join the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the 30th of December the Rev. Samuel Matthews departed this life--that on the 15th of April 1854, they dismissed Mr. J. M. Wilmond a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Baltimore, and Mr. David M. Miller, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island--that on the 3rd of October they received the Rev. James B. Wyndshaw from the Presbytery of Bedford--that on the 4th of October they received under their care as a foreign minister, the Rev. John Irre. The Presbytery further report that the churches have all contributed to the Several Boards of the church except the churches of Elizabeth Port, Westfield, New Providence and the 1st church of Woodbridge to the Board of Publication--the church of Port Vernon to the Boards of Education and Publication--the church of Bluckamin to the Boards of Missions and Publication and the church of Perth Amboy to all the Boards.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
James P. Wilson, Stated Clerk.

2. The Presbytery of Passaic report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 14 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of February 1854, they dismissed the Rev. Nor tio M. Brinsmade D. D. to join the convention of Beloit--that on the 19th of April they dismissed the Rev. Wm. F. Locke to join the Presbytery of Donegal--that on the 14th of February they received the Rev. Eliphalet Bosworth from the Presbytery of Baltimore, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Lyons Farms; that on the 3rd day of July they received under their care Mr. David M. James a candidate from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and on the same day licensed him to preach the gospel that on the 4th of October, they ordained Mr. David James to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Mount Olive--that on the same day they received under their care Mr. Philip T. Coffrey as a candidate for the gospel ministry--and that on the 18th of October (this day) they received the Rev. Elijah W. Craven from the classis of New Brunswick, of the Reformed Dutch Church.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
Wm. M. [illegible], Stated Clerk.

3. The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 45 Ministers, and have under their care 59 Churches, 13 Licentiates, and 13 Candi-- dates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 20th of October, 1853, they ordained Mr. J. R. Warbaugh a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church at Red Bank--that on the same day, they licensed Mr. Alexander Plumer to preach the gospel--that on the 1st of November, they installed the Rev. James M. McDonald pastor of the 1st church, Princeton--that on the 3d of November, they installed the Rev. Jacob Kirkpatrick Jr. Pastor of the 3rd church Trenton--that the Rev. Jared

D. Tyler departed this life on the 13th of December--that the Rev. David Comfort departed thislife on the 16th of the same month--that on the 29th of December they ordained Mr. William C. Mosher, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry as an Evangelist--that on the 7th of February 1854, they dropped from their list of licentiates, the name of Elisha Loomis--that on the same day they took under their care as Candidates for the ministry Messrs. Amzi L. Armstrong, Robert S. Canning, and Gilbert T. Woodhull, and received under their care as a candidate for the ministry, Mr. A. C. Reynolds from the New Albany--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. James P. Hughes, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Luzerne, and Mr. J. A. Reynolds, a candidate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Cincinnati--that on the 9th of February they licensed Messrs. Joseph C. Symmes, Charles T. Cooper, Edward P. Perbune, and Charles W. Foote to preach the gospel--that on the 20th of March they dismissed Mr. T. . Pickles, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Madison--that on the 21st of March, they dismissed the Rev. James Richards D. D. to join the Presbytery of Louisiana--that on the 25th of April, they dismissed the Rev. Wm. C. Mosher to join the Presbytery of Stockton in California--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Samuel Hodge, a licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Montgomery--Mr. Eli T. Botsford, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York--and Mr. T. S. Witherow a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Winchester--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Isaac N. Shannon to join the Presbytery of Crawfordsville--received the Rev. Thomas . Cattell from the Presbytery of West Jersey, and licensed Messrs. Lorenzo Wescott, A. W. Barkely, J. C. Graham, Thomas McAuley, Henry B. Pratt and Andrew B. Morse to preach the gospel--that on the 25th of May, they ordained Mr. Charles H. Foote to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the 2nd church in New Brunswick, and on the same day dismissed Mr. George C. Fleming a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Florida--that on the 2nd of June they organized a church at Jamesburgh--that on the 18th of July they dismissed Mr. W. Hodge, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of New York--that on the 10th of August

they dismissed Mr. Charles T. Cooper a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Michigan--that on the 12th of August, they dismissed Mr. Joseph C. Symmes a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Madison--that on the 14th of August, they dismissed Mr. W. M. Blackburn, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Lake Presbytery--that on the 23rd of August, they dismissed Mr. J. C. Graham, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi--that on the 3rd of October they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. F. R. Marbaugh and the church at Red Bank--dismissed the Rev. Daniel Deruelle to join the Presbytery of Concord--received under their care as a candidate for the ministry Mr. Augustus DeVeuve and licensed Mr. J. T. Baldissari to preach the gospel. The Presbytery further report that the churches have generally contributed to the Boards of the church.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
A. D. [illegible], Stated Clerk.

4. The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 22 Ministers, and have under their care 25 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October 1853, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Jake Johnson and the churches of Stroudsburgh and Middle Smithfield--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Oliver St. John to join the 3rd Presbytery of New York that on the 9th of November they installed the Rev. Andrew Cully pastor of the church of Harmony--that on the 15th of November, the Rev. Joseph Shafer D. D. departed this life--[illegible] On the 29th of November they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James Mc William and the church of Oxford--that on the 17th of December, they organized a church at Phillipsburgh--that on the 18th of April 1854, they took under their care the church of Shawnee which had been organized by a committee of their appointment--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. James J. Helm to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and the Rev. John J. Carrel to join the Presbytery of Gennessee River, and dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John A. Reily, and the church of Knowlton, and that on the 3rd of May they installed

the Rev. John A. Bailey pastor of the church of Blairstown--that on the 30th of May, they received Mr. Robert B. Foresman a licentiate from the Presbytery of Luzerne, and ordained him on the same day to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Lower Mount Bethel--that on the same day they received the Rev. J. Edwin Miller from the Presbytery of Tennessee River, and took under their care the church of Swartswood, which had been organized by a committee of their appointment--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Robert N. Wells to join the Presbytery of Carlisle--that on the 31st of May, they ordained Mr. Gershom Goble, a licentiate under their care to the work of the gospel ministry, and installed him pastor of the church of Upper Mount Bethel--that on the 11th of June, they organized the church of Hope--that on the 18th of June, they installed the Rev. J. Edwin Miller pastor of the church of Stroudsburgh--that on the 20th of June, they received the Rev. Byron Barret from the Presbytery of Detroit, and installed him pastor of the church of Newtown--and that on the 26th of September, the Rev. Jehiel Talmage departed this life.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
HENRY [illegible], Stated Clerk.

5. The Presbytery of Raritan report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 20 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 3 Licentiates and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October 1853, they dismissed the Rev. William McJunkney to join the 2nd Presbytery of New York--that on the 23rd of March 1854, they dismissed the Rev. William H. Kirk to join the Presbytery of North River--and on the same day dismissed Mr. Stephen L. Mershon a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Long Island--and that on the 4th of October, they licensed Messrs. Sidney G. Law and Peter Augustus Studdiford to preach the gospel.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
PETER O. STUDDIFORD, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of Susquehanna report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 15 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, and 1 Candidate.

The Presbytery further report that on the 1st of February 1854, they dismissed the Rev. Isaac Todd to join the Presbytery of Hudson--that on the same day they dismissed Mr. Hallock Armstrong, a licentiate to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Buffalo City--and received under their care the churches of Wyalusing 2nd and Meshopperr--that they also on the same day dissolved the churches of Braintrim and Windham, and required the members to connect themselves with such churches in our connection as may be most convenient to them respectively--that on the 25th of April, they received intelligence of the decease of the Rev. John Rhodes an aged member of this body--that on the 1st of June they installed the Rev. Lucius H. Chapman, pastor of the church of Wyalusing--and that on the 14th of June they received the Rev. Henry D. Doolittle from the Presbytery of Tennessee River, and on the same day installed him pastor of the church of Troy.

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
JULIUS [illegible], Stated Clerk.

7. The Presbytery of Lazarus report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 17 Ministers, and have under their care 20 Churches, 1 Licentiates and 3 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 19th of October 1853, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. Delville Mitchell and the church of Scranton--that on the 15th of March 1854, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. P. Eugene Stevenson and the church of Wyoming--that on the same day, they ordained Mr. Reuben Lowrie a licentiate under their care, to the work of the gospel ministry--as an Evangelist, with a view to his laboring in China under the

direction of the Board of Foreign Missions--that on the 19th of April they received under their care Mr. James P. Hughes a candidate from the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the same day licensed Messrs. James P. Hughes and Joseph W. Porter to preach the Gospel--that on the 4th of May, they organized the church of Hazleton in Luzerne County and changed the name of Beaver Meadow church to that of Beaver Meadow and Weatherly--that on the same day they ordained Mr. John F. Baker, a licentiate under their care, to the work of the Gospel ministry, and on the 4th of June, they installed him pastor of the church of Scranton--that on the 15th of September, they received under their care Mr. Andrew Mc L Loury a licentiate from the presbytery of Northumberland, and on the 16th of October, ordained him to the work of the gospel ministry and installed him pastor of the church of Port Carbon.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
RICHARD [illegible] WR, Stated Clerk.

6. The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 16 Churches, 3 Licentiates, and 2 Candidates.

The Presbytery further report that on the 15th of October 1853, they received the Rev. Marion W. King from the Presbytery of Winchester--that on the 15th of December, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Levi W. Christian and the church of Camden--that on the 19th of April 1854, they dismissed the Rev. W. L. Saunders to join the Presbytery of Philadelphia--that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Thomas W. Cattell to join the Presbytery of New Brunswick--that on the 17th of May, they received the Rev. Henry R. Wilson M. D. from the 2nd Presbytery of Philadelphia--the Rev. Henry Snyder from the Presbytery of Transylvania, and the Rev. Joseph Rodgers from the Presbytery of Iowa-that on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Levi W. Christian to join the Presbytery of Miami--and Mr. D. M. James a licentiate to place himself under the care of the presbytery of Passaic--that on the 4th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Frederick Knighton to join the Presbytery of Newton-and Mr. Robert W. Reeves a licentiate received under the care as a

to place himself under the care of the same Presbytery and received under their care as a candidate for the ministry Mr. Charles [illegible].

Respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
[illegible], Stated Clerk.

9. The Presbytery of Burlington report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of [illegible] Ministers, and have under their care 9 Churches.

The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of April 1854, they dismissed Mr. John F. Ripley a licentiate under their care to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia--and that on the 10th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Richard B. Westbrook and the church of Burlington.

All which is respectfully submitted.
By order of Presbytery.
[illegible], Stated Clerk.

Princeton Theological Seminary-Speer Library
1 1012 01122 3569